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MEMORANDUM FOR RAY CLINE

SUBJECT: Demand for NIS on Dominican Republic

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You will be interested in knowing about some rather frantic calls for the NIS on the Dominican Republic by others and particularly the National Military Command Center. Suddenly faced with a tactical, operational situation they evidently were grasping at straws in their need for basic facts, which again demonstrates the worth of the philosophy of the NIS Program -- having the pertinent information on hand when the whistle blows.

One of the NMCC duty officers reported on Monday that during the weekend a senior officer needed NIS on the Dominican Republic and, for some disconcerting reason, was unable to acquire same from DIA. As a result, Capt. Bertheli had the CIA Library furnish all available NIS on the Dominican Republic to the NMCC by special courier.

The CIA Library called to report that it had expended its copies of the town plan of Santo Domingo and could not service several urgent requests. The negatives of the NIS map in the Urban Areas unit were obtained from the Records Center -- thanks to the thought-through policy of filing all such negatives against emergency -- and rushed to the printer as a priority job.

Upon urgent request from a NMCC duty officer OBI also sent to them draft manuscripts on the Manpower unit and on Religion, Education, & Public Information. These of course would supplement the coverage in the General Survey which was dated May 1964.

I think it must be considered something of a professional tragedy that, as subsequently relayed to OBI, in behalf of NMCC frantic request was made of Standard Oil for all possible copies of their Esso map on the country. What somehow was not known to NMCC was that the equivalent of the Esso map (as it happens, a Texaco one) was included in the readily available NIS on Highways (dated June 1963), with other pertinent maps in the Topography unit dated January 1964. The Coast & Landing Beaches unit was dated May 1963 and the Urban Areas unit with the detailed Santo Domingo map was dated July 1964.

Typically OBI has not had feedbacks from other users, but I will make book that over the past fortnight the General Survey has had pretty dog-eared use.

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